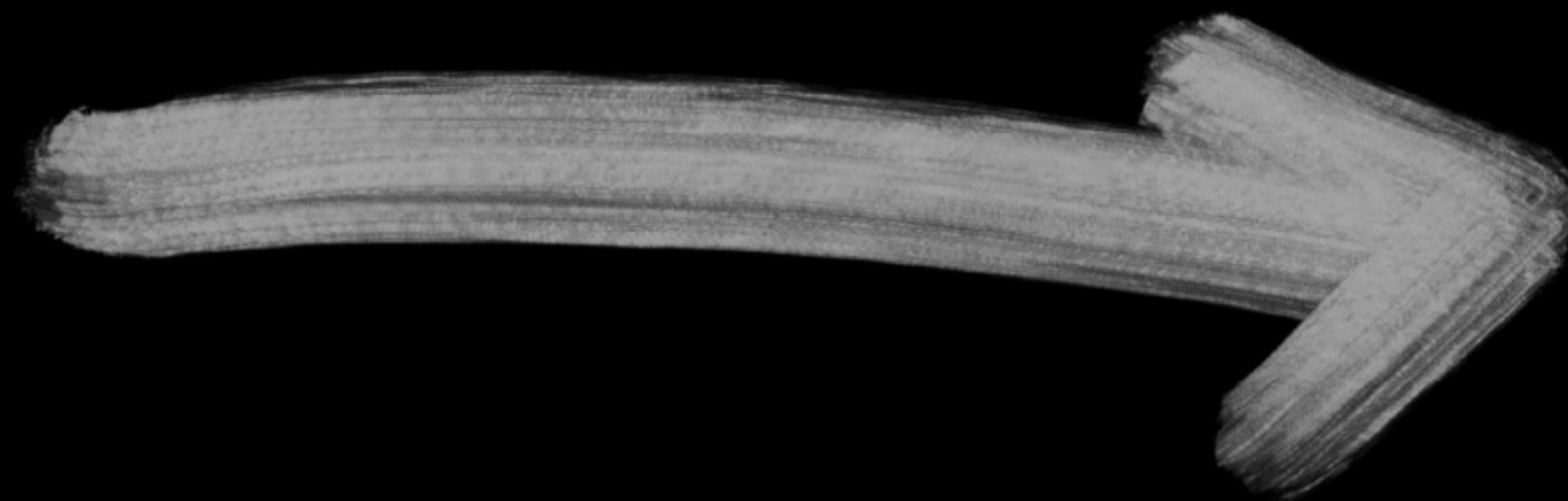


# Lent

Joining the mission of God



# Colossians 1:15-23

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“Preach the gospel, and when necessary, use words.”



## Mission:

Demonstrating and proclaiming the gospel  
to people who don't yet know Jesus.



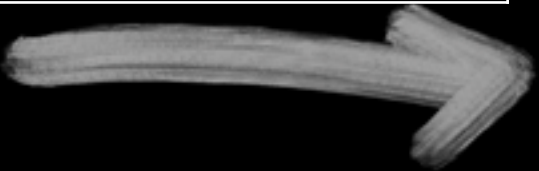
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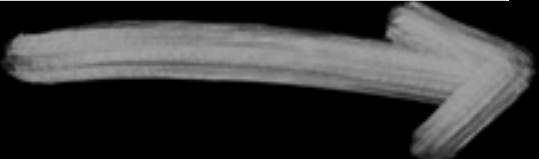
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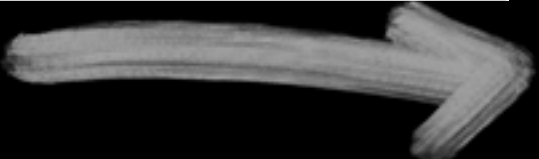


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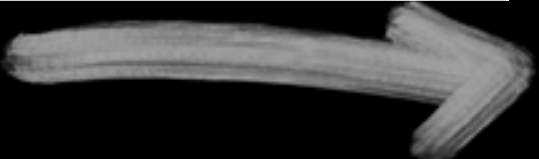
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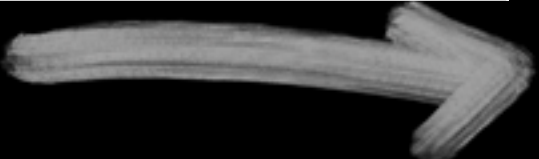
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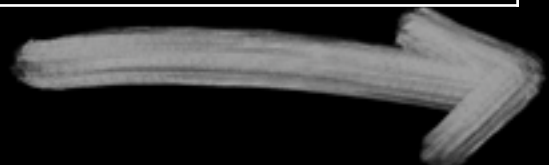
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“In this way of thinking about salvation, the goal is to get from down here, to up there. About how to know for sure that you’re heading to ‘the good place’. It usually involves praying a specific prayer, believing a set of doctrines about God, and other things that make someone a ‘Christian’. Ironically, it does not necessarily involve a life of apprenticeship to Jesus.”

**- John Ortberg**



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This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

**Colossians 1:23 (NIV)**



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Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent (surrender) and believe in the gospel.”

**Mark 1:14-15**



“Mission is more and different from recruitment to our brand of religion; it is alerting people to the universal reign of God through Christ.”

**David Bosch**

“Every generation...has to be evangelized, that is, confronted with the good news of the kingdom in Jesus Christ.”

**Mortimer Arias**





# Coworker:

1. **Creation** – Work is not bad. Part of God’s design.
2. **Fall** – Work is “cursed” and can’t provide true meaning, value, or identity we crave.
3. **Redemption** – In Christ, our desire for meaning, value, and identity are answered. Meaning we can work hard and work free.
4. **Restoration** – One day, our souls will find their deepest fulfillment, not in some fictional future moment, or promotion, or title, or income level, but in Christ in eternity.



# Politics:

1. **Creation** – Politics are neutral. Can be a source of good or evil.
2. **Fall** – Because of sin, there's more broken about me and the world than simply “the wrong people are in charge of the white house.”
3. **Redemption** – God is King, He's in charge – and His kingdom is the only one that lasts forever.
4. **Restoration** – Our ultimate hope is in God's forever kingdom, not the kingdom of America or a certain candidate/political party.







